

HISTORICAL MEMORANDA

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE FREE CHURCH, COTE ST.

NOW

CRESCENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Congregation was organized, and for seven years ministered to by Deputies from the Free Church of Scotland.

1844.—The REV. W. C. BURNS, arrived in the summer, and preached to large audiences in St. Gabriel Street Free Church.

“ The REV. J. MACNAUGHTON, of Paisley, arrived a little later, and continued the work in the same church.

1845.—The REV. J. BONAR, of Larbert arrived in Spring, preached in St. Gabriel Street Free Church till a temporary wooden church was erected in Laganchetiere Street. He opened this Church on May 11th, and on the 25th of May ordained the first elders, viz.: John Redpath, James R. Orr, David Ferguson, Evander MacIver.

“ The REV. W. ARNOT, of Glasgow, arrived about this time, and supplied the pulpit till the end of September.

“ The REV. A. N. SOMERVILLE, of Glasgow, took charge during October and November.

“ The REV. W. C. BURNS, in November, received but declined a call to labour in Canada, the Congregation promising to support him. In December he was again urged to fall in with this request, but finally declined on January 19th, 1846.

1846.—The REV. G. STEVENSON, of Peebles, ministered from January to April.

“ The REV. T. MACLAUGHLIN, of Peebles, ministered during May and June.

“ The REV. J. MUNRO, of Rotherglen, ministered during July and August.

“ The REV. J. ALEXANDER, of Kirkcaldy, ministered from November to March, 1847.

1847.—The REV. J. B. DUNCAN, then a student, ministered during April and part of May.

“ The REV. J. MACGILLIVRAY, of Aberdeen, opened the Church in Cote Street, on Sabbath, the 16th May, preaching morning and evening, while the Rev. Henry Wilkes preached in the afternoon.

“ The REV. J. BUCHANAN, of Bothwell, ministered from May to October.

“ The REV. R. BREMNER, of Glasgow, ministered from November to April.

1848.—The REV. J. PATTERSON, of Tranent, ministered from May to October.

1849.—The REV. J. LEWIS, of Leith, ministered from April to August.

“ The REV. J. C. BURNS, of Kirkliston, ministered from September to February, 1850.

1850.—The REV. J. C. FAIRBAIRN, of Allanton, ministered from August to October.

1850.—The REV. D. COUPER, of Burntisland, ministered from November to February, 1851.